



# Farm Reporter

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## FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

A farm is “any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year”. Government payments are included in sales. Ranches, institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. Places with the entire acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and other government conservation programs are counted as farms. Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pastures or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator’s total operation. Land in farms includes acres in CRP, WRP and other government conservation programs.

ALASKA FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS			
Year	2015	2016	2017
Farms <sup>1/</sup>	760	760	760
Land in Farms (acres)	830,000	830,000	830,000
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,092	1,092	1,092

<sup>1/</sup> Includes farms and ranches with annual sales or potential sales of \$1,000 or more.

The number of farms in the **United States** for 2016 is estimated at 2.05 million, down 12 thousand farms from 2016. The number of farms in Sales Classes \$100,000 - \$249,999 and \$1,000,000 or more increased while all other sales classes declined. Fifty percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales. Eighty percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. Eight percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Total land in farms in the United States, at 910 million acres, decreased 1 million acres from 2016. The biggest change for 2017 is that producers in Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more operated 1.3 million more acres than in 2016. Similar to the previous year, in 2017 over 30 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales. Forty-one percent of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of \$500,000 or more. The average farm size for 2017 is 444 acres, up 2 acre from the previous year.

The complete report, including data by economic sales class, can be found at:  
<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-16-2018.pdf>

## ALASKA CROP VALUES

Crop values include average price and values of production for Alaska's major field crops. All prices in this report are marketing year average prices. The value of production is computed from production and marketing average year price. Value of production estimates in this report relate to the crop year. These estimates should not be confused with cash receipts, which relate to sales during a calendar year, irrespective of the year of production.

ALASKA CROP VALUES							
		Price per Unit			Value of Production		
		2015	2016	2017 <sup>1/</sup>	2015	2016	2017 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Barley</b>	bu.	\$5.45	\$5.25	\$5.25	\$796,000	\$1,208,000	\$1,255,000
<b>Oats</b>	bu.	\$3.80	\$3.70	\$3.65	\$179,000	\$274,000	\$241,000
<b>All Hay</b>	tons	\$370.00	\$340.00	\$360.00	\$7,400,000	\$10,200,000	\$9,000,000
<b>Potatoes</b>	cwt.	\$20.60	\$22.50	\$20.70	\$2,884,000	\$3,308,000	\$2,724,000

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary

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<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropValuSu/CropValuSu-02-23-2018.pdf>